- 1. (Currently Amended) An aqueous composition comprising:
 - (a) from 18% to 60% by weight of at least one surfactant;
- (b) from 0.1% to 10% by weight of at least one copolymer comprising from 2.5% to 30% 5% to 25% by weight acrylic acid residues, from 40% to 75% by weight C₂-C₄-alkyl (meth)acrylate ethyl acrylate residues, and from 2% to 25% by weight lipophilically modified (meth)acrylate residues; and further comprising methacrylic acid residues, wherein the acrylic acid plus the methacrylic acid residues total from 20% to 40% by weight of the copolymer; and
 - (c) from 0.08% to 0.9% by weight of a clay.
- 2. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1 having from 20% to 45% by weight of said at least one surfactant.
- 3. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 2 having from 0.3% to 5% by weight of said at least one copolymer and from 0.2% to 0.7% by weight of the clay.

Claim 4 has been canceled.

5. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim [[4]] 3 in which said at least one copolymer has from 5% to 15% by weight lipophilically modified (meth)acrylate residues.

Claim 6 has been canceled.

- 7. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1 in which the clay has a particle size range in a colloidal range.
- 8. (Original) The composition of claim 7 in which the clay is a synthetic hectorite clay material.

Claims 9-17 have been canceled.

- 18. (Currently amended) The composition of claim 17 in which An aqueous composition comprising:
 - (a) from 20% to 25% by weight of at least one surfactant;
- (b) from 0.5% to 3% by weight of at least one copolymer comprising from 5% to 25% by weight acrylic acid residues, from 40% to 75% by weight ethyl acrylate residues residues, and from 5% to 15% by weight lipophilically modified (meth)acrylate residues; wherein said at least one copolymer further comprises methacrylic acid residues, and the acrylic acid plus the methacrylic acid residues total from 20% to 40% by weight of the copolymer; and
 - (c) from 0.08% to 0.5% by weight of a clay.